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1. ON JANUARY 24, CONSUL MET WITH RPP MAYOR KAYA MUTLU OF MERSIN, WHO DESCRIBED A JANUARY 22 MARCH BY "THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND" (PRESS ACCOUNTS SAID SEVEN THOUSAND.) MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE TOB-DER TEACHERS UNION TO PROTEST AN ALLEGEDLY RACIST TEXTBOOK. THIS IS REPORTEDLY THE SAME TEXT THAT SPARKED A SCHOOL BOYCOTT IN ISKENDERUN (REF A). THE MAYOR SAID THE MARCH WAS VERY ORDERLY, BUT PRESS REPORTS SAY FOUR MARCHERS WERE

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ARRESTED. MUTLU CHARACTERIZED THE MARCHERS AS EXTREME LEFTISTS, AND SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO RPP INVOLVEMENT. IN ADDITION TO THE TEXTBOOK, THE MARCHERS PROTESTED INFLATION, "FASCISM", AND MURDERERS OF STUDENTS.

2. LOCAL PRESS JANUARY 25 REPORTS A CLASH INVOLVING OVER ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS AT THE ISKENDERUN COMMERCIAL LYCEE. AN UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL THREW A BOMB INTO THE CROWD, KILLING ONE STUDENT AND WOUNDING FOUR STUDENTS AND A TEACHER. MORE THAN TWENTY STUDENTS WERE PLACED UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.

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- 3. NEWSPAPER YENI ADANA REPORTS A STUDENT AT ADANA'S EDUCATION INSTITUTE WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY COMMANDOES JANUARY 24. NO ARRESTS MADE.
- 4. A MALATYA SCHOOL TEACHER DIED ON JANUARY 24 ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT. HE HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY FOUR UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS. MALATYA SECURITY OFFICERS REPORT FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PUT UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTACK.

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